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Manhattan residents join nation in protest



photos by Tommy Theis | Collegian

Groups of people line Anderson Avenue at the edge of Triangle Park on Saturday evening to show their support for the Occupy MHK protest. Manhattan residents joined together to speak out against economic inequality in the U.S.

Karen Ingram

news editor

Across the nation, the Occupy Wall Street movement spawned protests in cities everywhere on Saturday. Manhattan was no exception. More than 150 people crowded along the street holding protest signs. As cars drove by, drivers honked their horns to show support. Some people rolled down their windows to flash peace signs or thumbs up to the protesters. Each sign of support was met with a cheer from the crowd.

"Massey mines — 29 dead, CEO retires, compensated millions and shielded from prosecution," one protest sign read. The sign was held by Bill Glover, Manhattan resident and a government employee, who said he worries about pensions being taken away from government employees.

"It's time to start thinking about the middle class," Glover said. "We've got to change the people in power, the people who keep voting 'no' on everything."

Julie Ivy, 2010 K-State alumna, attended Manhattan MHK's first protest with her children Kaiden and Deva, ages 4 and 3, respectively. Both children wore red, white and blue. Deva had a heart with

the pattern of the American flag painted on her cheek.

"I'm just kind of struggling to make ends meet right now," Ivy said. "You can't make ends meet, especially with children."

Ivy graduated with a degree in social science and has been struggling in the work force

with her mother, who is also caring for a niece.

"I was trying to go to school to better myself," Ivy said. "Not everyone is living the quote-unquote American Dream."

Occupy Wall Street is an ongoing series of protests regarding various social issues in America and around the

kicked out of our homes. We are forced to choose between groceries and rent. We are denied quality medical care ... We are working long hours for little pay and no rights, if we're working at all. We are getting nothing while the other 1 percent is getting everything."

Opposition to the Occupy Wall Street movement has mostly come from critics who say the movement has no clear agenda and that the protesters' list of demands is too big and the subject too broad.

On the other side of the park stood Dustin Kucerik, St. George, Kan., resident, holding a sign that read: "If you rob a bank it's theft, if a bank robs you it's business."

Kucerik worked full time until a genetic disorder triggered two years ago and left him unable to work. Kucerik said he cannot get the medical help he needs for his condition because he has no insurance. He cannot get insurance because he cannot work. Also, he can not get on disability unless he has medical proof of his condition from a doctor, which he cannot afford to get without money or insurance.

"It's a vicious circle," Kucerik said. "Right now, I'm trying

Scott Poister, one of the organizers for Occupy MHK and research technician in biology, rallies protesters together and asks supporters to start moving towards the street with their signs to begin the occupation.

ever since, only able to find jobs that pay just over minimum wage. She can no longer afford child care because of her low wages, but cannot find a job without child care. Her student loans have left her with more than \$40,000 in debt that she can not afford to pay. She and her children live

world. Participants identify themselves as "the 99 percent."

"We're complaining about the fact that Wall Street wrecked the economy three years ago and nobody's held responsible for that," an Occupy MHK flier passed out at the event read. "We are the 99 percent. We are getting

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Student shares culture of Iraq in Coffee Hour Series

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"It really depends on the mother," the speaker said, addressing an audience question about how long the marriage process takes. The crowd erupted in laughter and applause because, in Iraqi custom, mothers make their investigations about the bride and the groom before giving the go-ahead for the wedding match, said Manhal Aboulsaman, the speaker at the second Coffee Hour Series presentation this semester at the International Student Center on Friday.

The room was filled to capacity and there were people standing in the rear watching as Aboulsaman, sophomore in civil engineering, gave a presentation about his home country, Iraq. He began with the ancient history of the land, more than 5,000 years ago, and progressed to the present day. He also highlighted the key contributions to the modern world that came from those ancient civilizations.

The Sumerians build the highest temple in their lands, according to Aboulsaman.

"Higher the temple they build, closer to God they get," Aboulsaman said.

The other contributions of Sumerians were dividing the day into 24 hours, making the first wheeled vehicles and developing the cuneiform.

Aboulsaman then talked about the other civilizations that followed, namely the Babylonians and the Assyrians, and highlighted their contributions. Some of these were the Code of Hammurabi, the first written set of laws; the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, built by Nebuchadnezzar; and the



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Manhal Aboulsaman, junior in civil engineering, discusses the culture of his home country of Iraq in the International Student Center on Friday afternoon.

economy and world trade introduced by the Assyrians.

"Assyrians made Iraq into an international trading center," Aboulsaman said.

Aboulsaman went on to explain in brief about the current culture and education system in Iraq. Education

in Iraq is very cheap, according to Aboulsaman.

"It is nice to not worry about financial aid," Aboulsaman said.

Aboulsaman described the Iraqi wedding process in detail and also talked about their food. Lamb is the most popular meat in Iraq.

The house was then opened for questions, and the audience had plenty, which Aboulsaman answered with the help of the other Iraqis in the audience whenever he needed clarification.

Harith Salih, graduate student in biomedical science, said Iraq is misrepresented by the media around the world and that despite the differences, the country is still united and that most of the people do not have problems living with the others in harmony.

"It was definitely interesting," said Kristin Selby, sophomore in English literature.

The presentation brought forth Iraq in a different perspective, according to Selby. Selby, whose brother fought in Iraq, said she had always thought of Iraq as a poor Third World country and said she enjoyed the presentation.

Traditional food from Iraq was available to the audience, courtesy of Aboulsaman's mother, Maysoon Al Loos, who was also in attendance.

"I am very proud of him," Al Loos said.

Al Loos said she had flashback memories, seeing a culture she is proud of being represented before her. She said the time was very short to bring out all aspects of a country.

"He can talk about the culture for three hours," Al Loos said. She added that there could be another whole presentation devoted to modern Iraq.

The Coffee Hour series continues with a presentation on Malaysia on Oct. 28. All events are free and open to the public, including refreshments. Questions may be directed to the International Student and Scholar Services at iss@ksu.edu or 785-532-6448.

Ultimate club hosts third tournament

Sandi Lam

staff writer

On Saturday and Sunday, K-State Ultimate Frisbee hosted their third annual Ultimate Frisbee tournament, The Manhattan Project. The games took place on the Peters Recreation Complex fields on both days from the early morning until the afternoon. Six women's teams and 14 men's teams from Kansas, Colorado, Missouri and Nebraska participated in the tournament. This year, The Manhattan Project was able to host a K-State alumni team that was made up of members from two K-State Ultimate teams in the past years — Aerial Wizards and Flying Dorothys.

The alumni team took first in the tournament. The K-State Men's Team, the Huckstables, were split into two teams and received third and sixth places. The K-State women's team, Cheshire, also split into two teams and placed fifth and sixth.

Cameron Hunter, captain of the Huckstables and graduate student in genetics, said the tournament has allowed the current Huckstables to connect with the alumni.

"We got together at Rockabell for a meet and greet and the Huckstables got to meet alumni which was really cool," Hunter said. "On

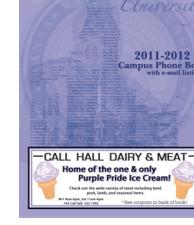
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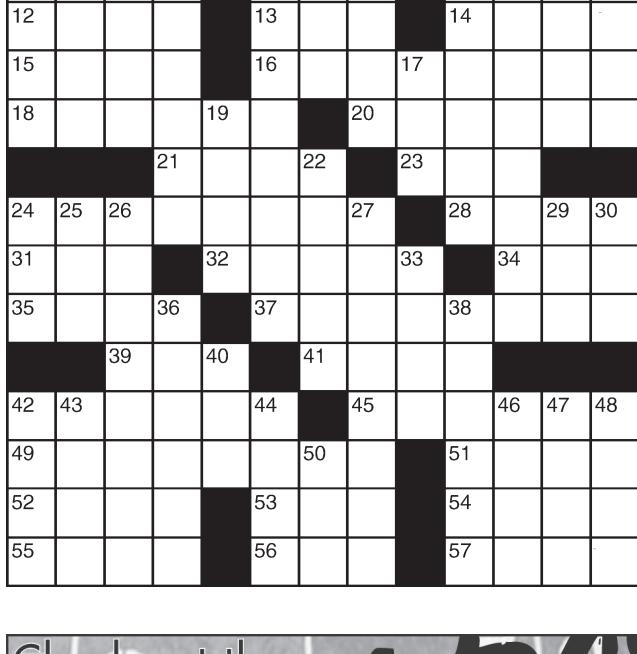
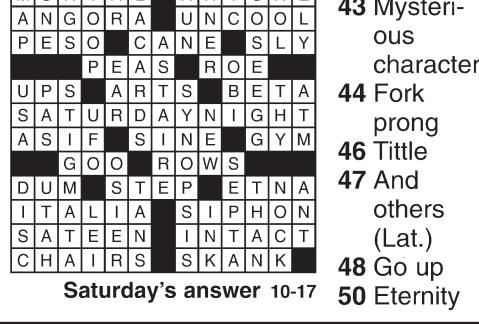
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K-State daily briefs

Karen Ingram
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A man was shot and killed in the area of 7th and Waln in Ogden late Friday night. The victim, Ronald E. Taylor, Ogden resident, was apparently shot while driving and crashed into a house. Neighbors heard shots, but no one saw the incident and there are no suspects at this time. The incident is under investigation by the Riley County Police Department. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at 785-539-7777 or 1-800-222-TIPS. Information may be provided anonymously.

K-State Housing and Dining Services is hosting Mushroom Madness events this week to showcase different mushrooms and recipes. Tonight's event is mushroom and pasta Night. Students will have the opportunity to sample various types of sautéed mushrooms and decide which ones to put on their pasta dinner. The event will begin at Kramer Dining Center at 5 p.m.

There will be maintenance on the Colbert Hills water tower beginning on Thursday, Oct. 20. Manhattan residents in the area may experience fluctuations in water pressure while the tank is repainted, inside and out. The project is expected to take approximately four weeks to complete. Questions may be directed to Kenneth Henry, superintendent of the City of Manhattan Water Treatment Plant, at 785-587-4551.

The 10th Air Support Operations Squadron, an Air Force element attached to the 1st Infantry Division, rededicated its headquarters in honor of an airman killed in Afghanistan in 2010. The building is now named "Bradley R. Smith Hall" in honor of Senior Airman Bradley Smith, who was killed by an improvised explosive device in January 2010 while retrieving the remains of another fallen soldier. Squadron Commander Maj. Jason Wood described Smith as "a great American hero" at the dedication ceremony.

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to fight the system and get medical help."

Scott Poister, one of the organizers of Occupy MHK and research technician in biology at K-State, said he did not expect such a large turnout a week ago. As the days passed and more and more people signed up for the Facebook page and the Facebook event, he realized there would be a larger turnout than he had originally thought. Poister said he was pleased by the turnout, but unable to participate in the protest most of the time because he spent most of his time "micromanaging," namely, making signs for people who did not have any.

"The point is to get on the street," Poister said.

Not all who showed up for the event stood on the street with a sign. On a bench nearby, Maria Snyder, senior in anthropology and women's studies, sat with her laptop doing homework. Snyder said she felt the event was important enough to attend, but did not want to fall behind in her studies.

Snyder is nontraditional student with three children and one grandchild. As her own graduation draws near and her daughter, who recently became a mother, prepares to start college, Snyder said she worries about their futures and whether a college education will help either of them be more hireable in the job market.

"It's a bit of a waiting game," Snyder said.

Simone Dorsey, senior in family studies and human services, sat with Snyder and agreed; education does not get people the jobs it used to.

"We're told as kids, 'go to college. You'll flip burgers for a while, but once you get out, you'll get a good job,'" Dorsey said. "And when you get out, guess what? You're still flipping burgers."

Both Snyder and Dorsey said they have been following the Occupy Wall Street movement since it began. Dorsey said it was important to make people in Manhattan aware of what was going on, as many in the area were still unaware of Occupy Wall Street and what it was about.

"If you're not mad, you're not paying attention," Dorsey said.

Jeremy Smith, creator of Occupy MHK's Facebook page and Manhattan resident, said they would be having regular protests in Triangle Park on Saturdays, but would probably push the beginning time to 4 p.m. to allow more daylight. Details will be posted on their Facebook page in the near future.

"Don't let it stop here," Smith said. "Let it be the beginning."

How to get involved: On Facebook: search for Occupy MHK. By e-mail: contact Scott Poister at captiancalico@yahoo.com

FRISBEE | Competitive spirit high in Ultimate games

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Saturday afternoon, there was an exhibition game between the Huckstables and the alumni. It was a free-spirited and fun game."

Autumn Cuddy, cofounder of Cheshire and junior in art and psychology, said the women's team began three years ago. Hunter was the coach for Cheshire in its first year while he played for the Huckstables. According to Hunter and Cuddy, the Huckstables and Cheshire have a large number of rookies this year, putting their membership number to about 40 and 20, respectively.

The men's and women's teams were split into two teams each to ensure that all members enjoyed the tournament experience and got playing time. Cuddy encouraged any women interested in joining Cheshire to attend practices on Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m. or Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

"We would love to have anybody," Cuddy said. "It is great for us. We're accepting any time of the year, even through second semester."

Beth Bowman, member of Cheshire and sophomore in architectural engineering, said The Manhattan Project was her second tournament.

"I was expecting to play a bunch of games and get really tired. I went to a miniature tournament in Nebraska and expected this weekend to just be a larger version of that and it was," Bowman said.

Although Bowman did not have experience with Ultimate before this semester, she joined Cheshire through the recommendation of a friend who is also involved with the team.

"In general, I really liked the teams," Bowman said. "The girls were really friendly even though they were on opposing teams. There was really good sportsmanship."

Hunter described the Ultimate



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The K-State alumni team ended up snatching the victory from Nebraska in the final round of the Ultimate Frisbee tournament on Sunday afternoon. The men's teams placed third and sixth.

Frisbee tournaments as friendly and good-spirited. He said the tournament is intended to provide a positive atmosphere and

the participants are there to connect over Ultimate.

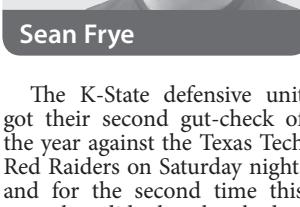
"It's a competitive sport, but

every so often in high-intensity

games, something amazing will happen and both teams will be like, 'Wow, that's a great throw,'" Hunter said.

sports

Game after game, defense shows tenacity, still has 'long way to go'



Sean Frye

The K-State defensive unit got their second gut-check of the year against the Texas Tech Red Raiders on Saturday night, and for the second time this year, they did what they had to do to win the football game.

"We're a tough football team, and we have a long way to go," K-State linebacker Tre Walker said according to a K-State press

release. "We're going to fight and fight to the end. No matter what the outcome is; we don't even look at the scoreboard. We just fight, and we go out every play and our goal is to get a 3-and-out and keep that team from scoring. If we can do that, we can be a successful football team."

As the Baylor Bears did against the Wildcats, Red Raiders' quarterback Seth Doege led his team with a no-huddle, pass heavy offensive attack that racked up 580 total yards, with 461 of those yards through the air. Doege attempted 63 passes on the night and completed 43 of them.

Most of the Red Raiders' success came in the first half,

when Doege completed his only touchdown pass and was tearing apart the K-State secondary left and right. The only black mark of the first half that the Red Raiders had was on the first possession of the game, when Nigel Malone intercepted a pass and returned it 24 yards to the end zone for the game's first score.

With the Wildcats trailing by 8 points at halftime, K-State head coach Bill Snyder went into the locker room with the hope of revitalizing his team so they could gear up for a second half comeback.

"Just stay poised. Coach told us that they are going to have big plays," said K-State defensive lineman Raphael Guidry,

who had two blocked field goals, according to the press release. "They run over 100 plays a game, so he said to stay poised, keep your toughness, technique, and everything will be fine."

The Wildcats' defense came out rejuvenated in the second half and held the Red Raiders to just 6 points off of two field goals for the rest of the game. The Wildcats also got two interceptions, one from Tysyn Hartman and another from David Garrett, and a fumble recovery from Meshak Williams after he stripped the ball from Doege, all in consecutive possessions.

"Well, we got two more interceptions and that made a big difference," Snyder said accord-

ing to the press release. "We did give up 560 yards as well, but they made the stops when they needed to make the stops, and I'm awfully proud of them."

While the numbers show that the Wildcats' defense had an off day, ultimately they did what they had to do in order to come away with a win.

"It's not the first time they have come back but to do it time and time again is an extremely positive thing," Snyder said in the press release. "I appreciate their effort, I appreciate their toughness, I appreciate their willingness to make a commitment. We had some tired guys out there, as fast as everything goes, and to be able to come back and get some stops and get

three interceptions against a guy that doesn't throw interceptions is an extremely positive thing."

The Wildcats' defense might breathe a little easier for at least a week as they prepare to face the Kansas Jayhawks in Lawrence on Saturday. The Jayhawks are the last-place team in the Big 12 and have the 73rd-ranked passing attack in the country, a far cry from the numbers that Jacory Harris at Miami, Robert Griffin III at Baylor, James Franklin at Missouri, and Doege at Texas Tech put up.

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Volleyball team falls to No. 10 Longhorns

Calvin Schneider
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On Saturday afternoon the No. 10-ranked Texas Longhorns (11-4, 4-1 Big 12 Conference) rolled into Manhattan having won the last 15 meetings against Kansas State. Texas also lead the series 25-7 record all time against the Wildcats.

The Longhorns entered the match winners of 9 of 10 matches.

The Wildcats came into the match with a 14-5 record, 3-2 in Big 12 play. In the last Top 25 volleyball poll, they were among the teams receiving votes.

The Wildcats entered the game with an opportunity to get a huge resume-building victory over the pre-season favorite to win the Big 12.

The first set started off tightly contested having four

scores tied and two lead changes. Texas started to pull away with a quick four point run to stretch the lead out to 18-13. The Wildcats kept battling until all seemed to take the life out of the team.

K-State was down 21-16 when an apparent hit by Caitlyn Donahue cut the score to 21-17. However, the referees called a lift and awarded the point to Texas and made the lead 22-16. The Longhorns went on to win the set 25-17 due heavily to the Longhorns' .643 hitting percentage, their highest on the season.

The Wildcats looked to to bounce back in the second set and tie the match up at one set apiece at intermission.

The Wildcats came out in the second set winning what seemed to be the first two points, only to have the second point taken off the scoreboard

for being out of rotation — just one of the many mistakes that K-State would make this set. The Wildcats went on to make eight attack errors and two serving errors. Texas easily won the second set 25-15.

In the third set, like the second, errors got the best of the Wildcats. K-State had six attack errors — simply too many to make against the potent offense of Texas, which put down 16 kills in the set. The Longhorns steadily built their lead as they cruised to a 25-20 sweep of the wildcats.

K-State's leaders were Kaitlyn Pelger with 12 kills and Lilla Porubek with 11 kills, but those two could not compete with the Texas athletes. The Longhorns had four girls with at least nine kills each, highlighted by the outside hitter Bailey Webster, who had a match-high 15 kills. In

the first set, Texas hit the ball well, as evidenced by an attack percentage of .463 on the day, including a season-high .643 attack percentage in the first set.

After the game, head coach Suzie Fritz talked about how tough it was against Texas' potent offense.

"It was difficult to match their offensive productivity," Fritz said. "Texas is one of the more physical teams in America in terms of playing above the net."

The Wildcats are now 14-6 on the season and 3-3 in conference play. K-State will be in action on Wednesday as they take on in-state rival Kansas in Lawrence. The Jayhawks enter the match with a 12-7 record overall, and 0-6 in Big 12 play.

First serve is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. and will be broadcast on Metro Sports.

AP Top 25

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2	Alabama	7-0	2
3	Oklahoma	6-0	3
4	Wisconsin	6-0	4
5	Boise State	6-0	5
6	Oklahoma State	6-0	6
7	Stanford	6-0	7
8	Clemson	7-0	8
9	Oregon	5-1	9
10	Arkansas	5-1	10
11	West Virginia	5-1	13
12	Kansas State	6-0	17
13	Nebraska	5-1	14
14	South Carolina	6-1	15
15	Michigan State	5-1	23
16	Virginia Tech	6-1	19
17	Texas A&M	4-2	21
18	Michigan	6-1	11
19	Auburn	5-2	24
20	Georgia Tech	6-1	12
21	Houston	6-0	25
22	Washington	5-1	NR
23	Illinois	6-1	16
24	Georgia	5-2	NR
25	Arizona State	5-2	18

Wildcats weekend recap

Mark Kern
assistant sports editor

Cross country

In a day when the wind made the conditions tough, junior Martina Tresch was able to push through and set a new personal best with a time of 21:00. The women's team finished 20th as a team. Adam Porter, coming back from an injury, led the team with a time of 25:49. Up next for the teams will be the Big 12 Conference championships in two weeks in College Station, Texas.

Equestrian

The Wildcats gave the defending Big 12 champions,

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Lockett spoke to the media in a press conference after the game about his first touchdown return.

"It really hit home," Lockett said. "It helped me to feel more a part of the team. I just wanted to do my job to help the team win."

Offensively, the Wildcats were slow once again to find a rhythm, scoring their first offensive touchdown late in the second quarter. But, in the second half K-State came out with an impressive eight-play 77-yard opening possession. The offense found the end zone on two other occasions before the

game ended, and walked off the field having put up a total of 339 yards.

For the defense, Texas Tech proved to be a handful, putting up 580 yards with 461 coming through the air. At halftime the Wildcats marched to the locker room trailing 28-20 and seeking answers to the Red Raiders' passing attack.

"We were down, but we had the mindset that the score was 0-0," said linebacker Tre Walker in a post-game interview. "The biggest thing we said was, 'We're down, but we're not out.' Nobody was putting his head down. We were in there laughing and talking

and working out how we were going to come back and work even harder in the second half. That's what helped us to come back."

Similar to the offense, in the second half, the defense stepped up its game and limited the Red Raiders to just two field goals. After putting the second field goal through the uprights, kicker Donnie Carola placed a perfect onside kick to give the ball back to the Red Raiders at midfield.

Once again, the Wildcats' defense was faced with a last minute stand, a situation that has become common for K-State. Four plays later, the defense showed that it

was up to the task just as it has all season and held the Red Raiders to just six yards.

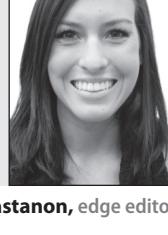
"It's coming to a point where when we get down to a situation, we've been there so many times already in this season that we almost feel comfortable now," said defensive back Tysyn Hartman.

Now ranked No. 12 by the Associated Press, the Wildcats have a new standard they must play up to. K-State will have the chance to make it into the top 10 when they travel to Lawrence on Saturday to take on the Jayhawks in the Sunflower Showdown. Game time is scheduled to start at 11 a.m.

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Are you an introvert or an extrovert?

"I'm a little of both. I'm introverted in the way that I need my alone time, but once I get it I can be extroverted."



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"I love being with people and enjoy a busy social setting. But at the same time, I need to have some down time."



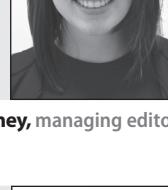
Abby Belden, managing copy chief

"I'm definitely an extrovert, which is good and bad at the same time. I tend to dominate conversations."



Laura Thacker, opinion editor

"Extroverted! I'm always talking, asking questions and meeting new people."



Caroline Sweeney, managing editor

"I'm pretty chatty for an introvert, but I enjoy time to myself."



Skye LeSage, design editor

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Karen Ingram, coverage editor

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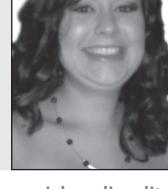
Lauren Gocken, photo editor

"I would say that I am extroverted. I would rather being in a group rather than by myself."



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"I was really shy growing up, but I am over that fear. I like meeting new people but it takes me a while to warm up to them."



Holly Grannis, social media editor

Introversion should be accepted as different, not bad



Brian Hampel

Do you know someone who doesn't like being around groups of people? Someone who prefers a quiet night alone to a get-together with some friends? Someone who doesn't readily talk about himself, or any other topic, for that matter? Someone who goes out of her way to avoid attention or eye contact? Well, this someone doesn't need help, therapy, drugs or psychological conditioning. This person is an introvert.

You know those nights when you just want to turn your phone off, lie down and get in some quality "me time?" That's how introverts feel most of the time. Everyone is some mix of introversion and extroversion, but most people favor one over the other. Some people may be slightly introverted, while others, myself included, may be much more strongly introverted. Those with no clear preference are sometimes called ambiverts.

How many people are primarily introverted? Numbers vary. In America, the Myers-Briggs Foundation reports that introverts represent about 50 percent of the population, while Ed Diener, a psychologist at the University of Illinois, reports that only 30 percent of the population is introverted, according to a Jan. 27, 2004, article in *The Parthenon*. You probably know a lot of introverts who just aren't out of the closet. We often train ourselves to interact with groups and share small talk with strangers just to get by. To extroverts, conversation seems natural, but to introverts, it's more like a skill to be honed.

Unfortunately, introversion is sometimes (wrongly) associated with more serious issues like misanthropy or psychopathy. "It's always the quiet ones," they say. Being introverted doesn't mean we're embittered and angry at the human race. A lot of extroverts just don't "get" us.

I think it's fair to say that ours is an extrovert's culture. Extroversion tends to be rewarded in business, politics and society in general. The aforemen-

tioned Diener published a study in 1991 with Keith Magnus, also of the University of Illinois, finding that extroverts' tendency to engage their environments helped them to land jobs, make friends and get married more quickly and easily than their introverted counterparts.

A survey by personalitypage.com found that extroverted personalities tend to have significantly higher incomes than their introverted counterparts. Extroverts are considered naturals in politics and business, while introverts have a much harder time navigating the field; think of an introvert like Nixon, whose laundry list of quirks and mannerisms became an extra hurdle in debates and interviews. Anyone seeking elected office or upper management knows that if you want to win the hearts and minds of the crowds, you can't appear reserved and aloof. Even our mundane social norms about small talk and social gatherings tend to view the extroverted response as the polite one.

In my own observation,



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people who are fond of interacting with others don't understand why anyone wouldn't want to. Extroverts often assume that wallflowers at parties just need to "be themselves" to have more fun, that people sitting by themselves are secretly dying to talk to someone, or that people who spend a lot of time at home need to "get out" more.

There's a difference between being alone and being lonely, but not everyone can recognize it. I can't tell you how many times I've been reading a book in public only to be interrupted by someone asking, "Whatcha reading?" and trying to engage in conversation. I thought that reading my book should have made it plain that I was already occupied, but one day I realized what was happening: A socialite could interpret my solitary reading as a sign of boredom, even though it was actually a sign that I wanted to read.

Furthermore, extroverts who enjoy the company of others usually assume that their own company is

welcome. Most folks won't accept introversion as an excuse for not wanting to hang out with them that particular evening. If no one is saying anything on the plane or while waiting in line, some people insist on filling the silence with some kind of conversation. I don't think all silences — or even most silences — are awkward, but a lot of extroverts seem to feel uncomfortable without conversation, which often leads to conversation more awkward than the silence it replaced.

To quote a good friend of mine, "Silence is golden; if you can't improve on it, don't try."

Of course, saying that to a stranger who is trying to be friendly would be considered rude, if not outright mean.

In our extroverted culture, introverts (and their parents) can find a lot of reason to be anxious about their shyness. Too often, not having a large group of friends or preferring to work alone can be seen as a thorn in the side. Even if introverted children are OK with their shyness, it can be worrisome for parents who think they're

raising misfits. Even worse, parents can try to "correct" the introversion by arranging playdates and taking their children out on the town. Like any other parental attempt at influencing children, it always fails miserably. Introverts will be introverts, and it's best if they learn to see introversion as a part of themselves, rather than an obstacle.

I long to see a campaign

for introvert's rights. I

dream of a world where no

one is expected to be available and open to the world

at all times. A world where

loners are not looked upon

as oddballs, but as the other

side of our social coin. A

world where it is perfectly

acceptable to say, "I'm sure

you're a nice person, but

I don't want to talk you

right now."

But alas, such a

movement probably won't

happen any time soon. The

problem with banding in-

troverts together is that no

one wants to step up and be

the leader.

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Sustainability requires collective effort, not just individual



Ben Champion

When I was invited to write an opinion piece about how K-State students can lead sustainable lifestyles, I have to admit I was perplexed. I have a hard time viewing sustainability as something that can be achieved by individual choices. It's something we have to do as a society, not as a bunch of individuals. We won't address sustainability by only consuming a "green" product here, recycling a bottle there and generally "greening" our lifestyles. Still, there has to be some helpful advice for students, right?

Well, my first piece of advice is that we should probably work to understand what we mean when we use that strange word — sustainability. I can only offer my own perspective after several years working as K-State's director of sustainability. In my mind, a full engagement with the word sustainability presumes two conditions in its critique of contemporary society. The first is that our economy is based in extractive industries that rely almost solely on non-renewable finite resources, not just energy, but other materials as well. It is also important to acknowledge that a model of continuous economic growth is not only unsustainable, but is using up those limited resources at exponentially faster rates.

The second condition that is assumed is that our extractive consumer economy leads to weighty environmental consequences. Yes, we're talking about changing weather patterns otherwise known as climate change, but we're also talking about lots of other stuff like the gulf oil spill last year, ground water pollution from natural gas drilling, air pollution in cities, soil loss from agriculture, loss of prime farmland to development and much more.

It is not necessary to have an emotional connection with nature in order to understand the importance of these consequences. They take an economic toll as well. There is evidence this year that the gulf shrimp catch has been down to basically nothing, just a year and a half after the major gulf oil disaster by BP. Also this year, the summer's drought and heat wave basically destroyed the entire Texas dryland (non-irrigated) agricultural crop, a toll that topped \$6 billion in agricultural losses just for that state. Kansas also had its share of losses.

All of these impacts cost in monetary terms, not just feelings. The main point is that environmental damage compounds the effects of depleting our resources. We will have more damage to recover from, and fewer resources with which to recover in the future.

Yes, in order to truly

understand sustainability, we

have to be willing to explore

the connections between our

activities as humans and

changes in our environment.

We have to be willing to

admit that we have the power

to alter the balance of nature,

and in so doing we can

destabilize environmental

conditions on which we all

depend. This does require us

to set aside partisanship and

take an honest and complete

assessment of what science is

telling us.

So, as I said, my first

advice to students is to

become a knowledgeable

citizen for the 21st century.

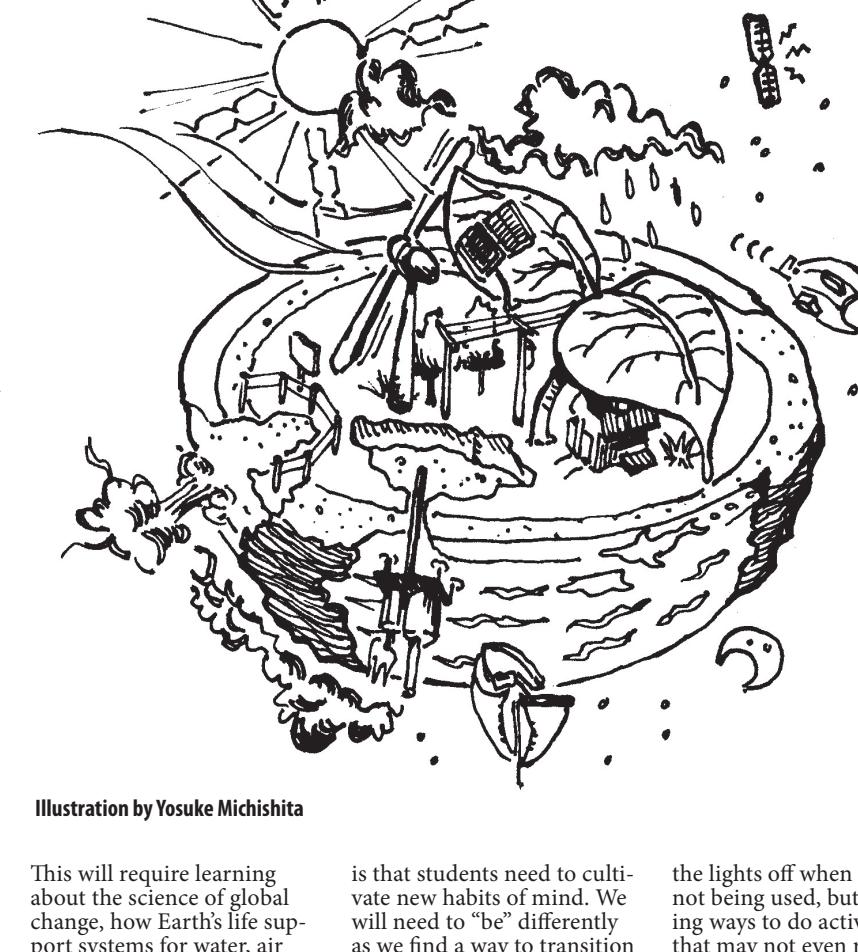


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This will require learning about the science of global change, how Earth's life support systems for water, air and other nutrients work and how ecosystems function as Earth's economic structure. Everyone should know how environmental damage is critically changing these systems and how local communities here and around the world will be challenged to adapt to these changes in a world with less non-renewable resources to go around.

This is important not just to be a truly knowledgeable global citizen, but it's also vital knowledge for any 21st century profession.

My second piece of advice

is that students need to cultivate new habits of mind. We will need to "be" differently as we find a way to transition from an extractive economy and consumer society into a renewable economy and a society focused on resilience and buffering the instabilities coming our way. We need to learn how food is grown, grow some of it ourselves in backyard gardens and have fun getting to know everyone at the farmer's market. We need to practice recycling — not just in learning where the bins are, but in learning how to be much less wasteful in all parts of our lives. We need to learn a conservation ethic — not just in turning

the lights off when they're not being used, but in finding ways to do activities that may not even require fossil energy, water or other resources.

Most of all, we need to learn how to do these things together. The changes that are occurring are profound, and we're going to have to work together in local communities and at larger scales if we're going to be prepared for what is ahead. We're going to have to remember to hold hands while we cross the street.

Ben Champion
K-State director of sustainability

Students study Japanese culture

Grant Zizzo
staff writer

Students in the Japanese foreign language class were exposed first-hand to an aspect of Japanese culture Friday morning in McCain Auditorium. Taiko drumming is a type of music similar to the style of the American group Stomp; highly energetic drummers perform music in a theatrical manner which creates a performance-based musical event.

The 11 drummers were from the Japan-based taiko drumming group Yamato. The group had come to K-State as part of the McCain Performance Series and performed later that night for the general public.

Kumiko Nakamura, director of the Japanese language program, said Yamato had previously performed at K-State; however, she had not coordinated with them before. She said she worked with Todd Holmberg, executive director at McCain, to arrange the unique opportunity for the students from her various level language classes to meet with the drummers before their scheduled performance.

Two of Yamato's drummers, Gen Hidaka and Saori Higashi, conducted the workshop with the students. However, since all of the students knew the

language, Hidaka and Higashi conducted the event almost entirely in Japanese. They explained that the Yamato, founded in 1993, is one of thousands of similar taiko drumming groups, which are extremely popular in Japan. They perform all original music, arranged by their director and, aside from the 11 members on tour, there are six more in Japan teaching and recruiting new members.

"It was interesting to see a piece of their culture."

Muzi Yuan
junior in accounting

Gen Hidaka, who primarily conducted the event, said the foundation of taiko drumming is aural. Families would pass down songs, unwritten, by listening and repetition; when Hidaka had the students come on stage, he used this method. Each student was placed behind a miya daiko, okedo daiko or shime daiko — a large, medium or small drum. Hidaka and Higashi then taught the students a short, rhythmic phrase and proceeded to teach the various theatrical elements which accompany the

pattern. "The movements have to be big, otherwise you look pretty lame," Hidaka said to the students. "You want to look cool."

Aided by the energy of the instructors, the students quickly learned the pattern and motions and were soon performing with vigor and excitement.

"The experience was really exciting and fun," said Muzi Yuan, junior in accounting and one of Nakamura's students.

Yuan, a native of China, said her father had always talked about Japanese language and culture, so when she saw that K-State offered Japanese as a language, she enrolled.

"It was interesting to see a piece of their culture," she said.

At the end of the workshop, Hidaka and Higashi left the stage and served as directors as the students performed their short piece.

Jacob Lubeck, senior in marketing, said he first became interested in Japanese art when, as a freshman, he made a number of Japanese friends and wanted to learn more about their culture.

"It was great to learn something completely different about a culture," Lubeck said. "This was a great experience that you really wouldn't get unless you were actually in Japan."

Drummers use humor, sword fighting in musical performance

Balasubramany
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staff writer

What started with one girl tapping gently on an array of overhead drums climaxed in a 10-minute encore, with the audience on their feet, clapping and screaming in sync with the beats from the drums reverberating inside McCain Auditorium on Friday night.

"It is unbelievable how fast they drum and do it in unison."

David Fliter
seventh-grader at
Manhattan Catholic
School

The Yamato Drummers of Japan moved in unison, raising and lowering their hands to almost the same height for each strike and used drums of all sizes that dominated the stage. They also displayed some sword wielding with wooden katanas, but these practice samurai swords were used as drum sticks to create music, not as mock weapons to practice

swordsmanship. There were 10 drummers in total comprised of both male and female percussionists.

Apart from the drums of various sizes from small to massive, they also used other musical instruments like the flute and the Shamisen, a traditional string instrument, both played by the women in the band.

The Yamato Drummers, started in 1993, are currently on their 12th world tour, according to their website yamato.jp. Friday night was their second appearance at K-State as part of the McCain Performance Series.

Todd Holmberg, executive director of McCain, said the drummers last visited about seven years ago. The selection process for the McCain performances is different for every show, and sometimes it takes several years to get a group to come perform, according to Holmberg. Holmberg said he watches most of the shows before signing them up and makes sure that the art is world-class.

"Most I have seen before. We also do a lot of research talking to colleagues all over the world," Holmberg said. Holmberg described the Yamato Drummers concert as spiritual, athletic and inspiring.

"Their reputation all over the world is stellar," Holmberg said.

The Yamato Drummers had the same appeal to audiences of all ages. David Fliter, seventh-grader at Manhattan Catholic School, agreed that he had not seen anything like this before and wondered how much practice had to go into putting up a show like that.

"It is unbelievable how fast they drum and do it in unison," Fliter said.

K-State students were also mesmerized by the process.

"It was great. I felt like each song was a soundtrack for a samurai battle," said Amanda Weickert, senior in sociology.

The humor incorporated into the performance was a stand-out feature of the Yamato drummers.

"I think the way they interact with the audience is great. Including humor into this was really awesome," Weickert said. "I had a lot of fun."

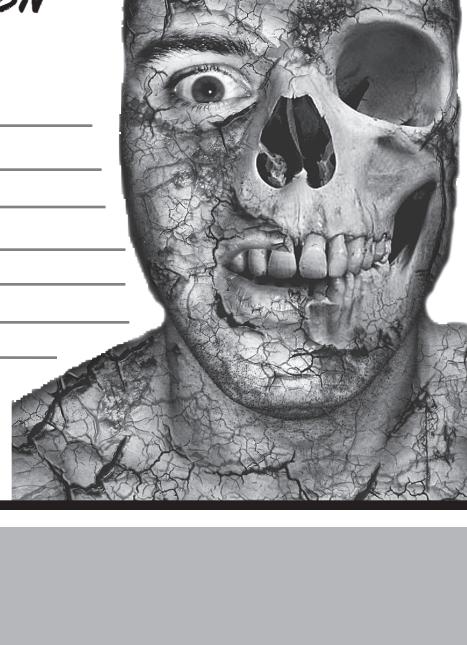
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Alumni reunion, step competition fills Union Ballroom



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Donovan Woods, sophomore in music, co-hosted the step competition on Saturday evening in the K-State Student Union Ballroom.

Sandi Lam
staff writer

The Black Student Union hosted a 2011 Black Alumni/Greek Reunion event on Saturday. As part of the weekend of events, a step dance competition was held, allowing student groups to showcase their skills. Extensive seating was arranged in the K-State Student Union's Grand Ballroom for the night's events. In addition to the numerous rows of filled seats, the room was crowded with standing people congregating on the sides of the room. The event brought alumni spanning from four decades back to campus.

Numerous organizations on the KSU campus were in attendance and of these, the greek organizations were recognized. When the announcers called out the names of each fraternity and sorority, the respective members in the audience cheered. The fraternities and sororities presented their organizations followed by step dancing routines. The performances were interactive and most encouraged the audience to participate. The audience responded to performances with yells, cheers and dancing.

Byron Brown, junior in entrepreneurship, attended the event

"No one is scared to let themselves be known and talk to people."

Byron Brown
junior in entrepreneurship

with friends. Brown said his group of friends were at the event simply because they enjoy supporting K-State events. Brown said he is involved with Cocky, an organization on campus that designs and produces clothing. While the organization was not recognized at the event, he said that Cocky is well-known around campus and attending events helps to expose it to a wider group.

"This event is less conservative than most alumni events," Brown said. "No one is scared to let themselves be known and talk to people. Everyone is open."

Omar Branch, 2008 alumnus, said that the weekend of events was rewarding. Branch is associated with Omega Psi Phi, a fraternity that focuses on charity and fundraisers geared towards kids.

While Omega Psi Phi disbanded a few years ago due to a lack of membership, Branch said that the fraternity is coming back to K-State next semester.

"A lot of these greek organizations were primarily black — Omega Psi Phi was the first to diversify," Branch said. "It is founded on friendship."

When asked about what the highlight of the evening was, Branch responded, "Reconnecting with other alumni and current students."

Kids learn chemistry through hands-on fun

Caitlyn Porter
contributing writer

Editor's Note: This article was completed as an assignment for a class in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Every college university has its own chemistry section and K-State showcased its own department on Saturday to kick off National Chemistry Week, an annual event hosted by the American Chemical Society.

"These events are a way to celebrate national chemistry week," said Yasmin Patel, assistant teaching scholar in chemistry. Patel is a member of the American Chemical Society office. She helped organize the activities for chemistry week.

The American Chemical Society is a nonprofit organization that currently has more than 161,000 members with degrees in the chemistry field. National Chemistry Week was first celebrated in 1987 and K-State has been raising awareness for more than 10 years.

This year's kickoff event was held at the Manhattan Town Center on Saturday. Kids got hands-on experience with many different chemistry experiments. Chemists supervised all of the experiments to

ensure the safety of everyone. Many kids enjoyed making slime. The table was in danger of running out of glue because so many children wanted to make their own gooey, slippery slime.

Another one of the chemistry experiments involved sticking a sharp object through a balloon without the balloon popping.

Lilly Dressman, age 5, said, "My favorite part was sticking the thingy into the balloon."

Members of Alpha Chi Sigma also put on a magic show. The fraternity followed a Halloween theme this year.

"I pick the magic tricks we do usually according to what season it is," said Samantha Tally, outreach coordinator for Alpha Chi Sigma.

The eye-catching tricks made many people stop and watch. The tricks involved fire, explosions and bubbles, and some tricks involved audience participation. Some children volunteered to be ghostbusters. Others let bubbles explode in their hands. The fraternity put on three magic shows that day.

Manhattan Public Library has a display of chemistry books for National Chemistry Week and plans to have more events. For more information, contact the library at 785-776-4741.



Samantha Tally, sophomore in chemistry, and the Alpha Chi Sigma fraternity put on a chemistry magic show at Manhattan Town Center for chemistry week.

UPC After Hours hosts alternative Oktoberfest

Jakki Thompson
staff writer

As students walked outside the K-State Student Union, they were greeted with polka music and a white tent set up in the middle of Bosco Plaza on Friday night. The Union Program Council sponsored their first Oktoberfest conducted by the After Hours committee. After Hours created this event to have a sober alternative to the Oktoberfest celebrations offered in bars and at parties. Instead of beer, there was handcrafted root beer from 1919 Root Beer Company from Wisconsin.

"We wanted to try to get as close to an authentic Oktoberfest experience as we could get," said Hillary L'Eucuyer, sophomore in interior design and co-chair of the After Hours Com-

mittee. "We have cotton candy, soft pretzels, German crafts, polka music, root beer kegs and it will all be under a big white tent. The white tent is what they actually use in Germany."

"I really liked the band," said Lauren Brown, freshman in graphic design. "I am really big into music. I think that everything they did to put this event together was great, but without the band, it wouldn't have been complete. When you add the band, it becomes Oktoberfest."

Travis Heideman, co-chair of After Hours committee and sophomore in marketing, said organizers wanted the authentic experience to include a band that played German polka music. He said it was difficult to find a polka band at such short notice since many bands had been booked.

Heideman has been an active member in UPC for about a year now. He said when he ran for After Hours committee, he knew he could interject his own creativity into that particular committee.

"I attended so many cool things that were hosted by UPC my freshman year, I knew I wanted to get involved with them," Heideman said. "I enjoy interacting with other students, as well as seeing the student body come together at these events, especially an event like Oktoberfest."

Heideman isn't the only student who wanted to make an impact on campus. L'Eucuyer said she joined the After Hours committee to make an impact on the student body on a large scale and that this was a fun and creative way to do things.

"The creativity is my favorite thing about this committee," L'Eucuyer said. "Most other committees have a much more rigid way of how they have to plan their events. After Hours has some of the most creativity, especially when you look at the Oktoberfest event."

The After Hours committee have many other activities planned. This Friday is Fall Night, where there will be horse and buggy rides on campus, as well as cider, pumpkin carving and hot chocolate. On Oct. 28, After Hours is working with the Films committee on their Rocky Horror Picture Show event.

"I like getting out of the dorm," Brown said. "I love fall and the festivals that happen at this time. I loved the weather and I really enjoyed this event."

Families attend memorial event to raise money for music scholarships

Darrington Clark
staff writer

Marine band and had performed in all 50 states and played in the Konza Prairie Chamber Players woodwind quartet as a flutist, until she passed away from pancreatic cancer last spring. The Mary Lee Cochran Memorial Scholarship, awarded to music majors, was set up in her honor.

"I was friends with Mary Lee and her family," said Carolyn Hodgson, a Manhattan resident who attended the event. "She was a very sweet woman. A good mother, a good music professor, she was a sweet Southern disposition."

Family Values, Fitness and Fun was sponsored by the ATA Tae-Kwon-Do Academy, along with the Manhattan Running Company and there was no charge for admission. Donations to the fund were accepted, with all proceeds going directly to the memorial scholarship.

"The purpose of this event is really to build family values," said Troy Auman, owner of the ATA Tae-Kwon-Do school and teacher for 18 years. "We're promoting staying active and helping people bond as families. It's a fun and different thing to come out and do. This offers families a chance to just be together and spend time with one another. I think so far it's going very well."

Families who did attend the event had the option of taking short Tae-Kwon-Do lessons and anti-bullying techniques with Auman and guest Tae-Kwon-Do

instructors who attended. Participants also could choose between indoor and outdoor activities and enjoyed family three-legged races and family tricycle races. Plenty of families and children were in attendance to take part in the festivities.

"It's very fun. This is first time I think we've had something like this," Hodgson said.

More than 90 people attended, many with their families. While the event was aimed for other families to come and enjoy, there was a positive reaction from the Cochran family as well.

"It's a beautiful day out to have

this event," said Alfred Cochran, Mary Lee's husband. "I'm so glad everyone could be here. I'm having a great time."

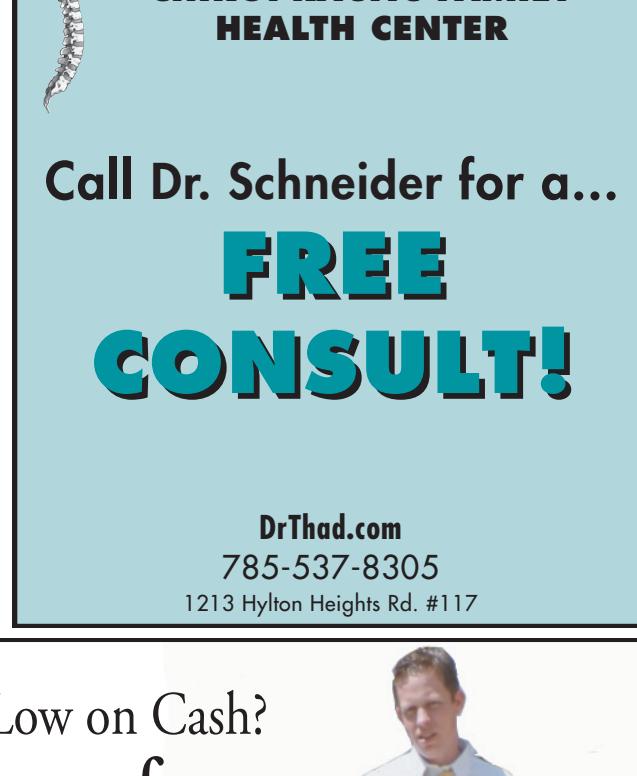
Organizers hope to continue the event.

"I've been teaching Tyler in my classes since he was 5, so I know the Cochran family well," Auman said. "We've been doing public classes like this for years, but this is the first time we've done it at a fundraiser type event. We've been talking about the possibility of making this an annual event and raising money for many different causes. We will definitely be back to help out again."

The first annual Family Values, Fitness and Fun event raised \$2,007.

"We try to help out our music majors as much as we can," Alfred Cochran said. "As the tuition prices go up, we hope the scholarship amount will go up, too. That's what Mary Lee would have wanted."

To donate to the Mary Lee Cochran Memorial Scholarship, contact the K-State Scholarship Foundation and send money directly to the Mary Lee Memorial Scholarship, or contact Troy Auman at the ATA Academy office at 785-539-9161.

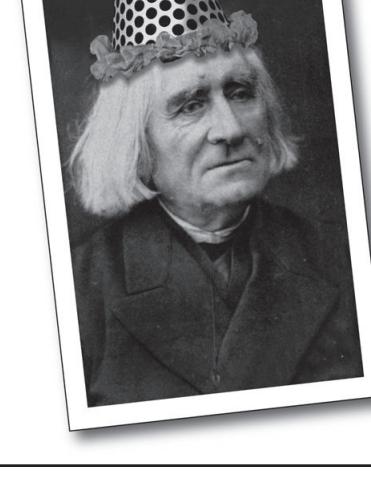


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